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New U.S. Consul General Arrives in Jeddah

Veteran American diplomat Tatiana C. Gfoeller arrived in Jeddah to assume her duties as U.S. Consul General. This is her second tour in Saudi Arabia, having served as a Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh in 1987 and 1988.

Prior to her arrival in Jeddah, Ms. Gfoeller was a Deputy Principal Officer/Acting Consul General in Russia and the Deputy Chief of Mission/Charge in Turkmenistan. Since joining the Department of State in 1984, she has also worked at U.S. missions in Poland, Bahrain, the Soviet Union and Belgium. A graduate of Georgetown University, Ms. Gfoeller returned to her alma mater in 2000 as a Rusk Fellow, where she taught graduate classes in political science and wrote a book on U.S. foreign policy in the Caspian Basin. Ms. Gfoeller is a member of numerous foreign affairs organizations, including the Council of Foreign Relations, and holds a Certificate of International Law Studies from the University of Florence.

Says Ms. Gfoeller: "I am delighted to serve again in the Kingdom. Jeddah was a favorite place of mine during my first posting to Saudi Arabia, and I am especially pleased to have now become a resident of this beautiful, welcoming city."